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MINISTER ZHU QIZHEN

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT

2. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS CLEARED BY
CODEL RUDMAN BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM SHANGHAI.

3. SUMMARY. DURING A CORDIAL TWO-HOUR LUNCHEON
HOSTED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHU QIZHEN,
SENATOR RUDMAN AND ZHU ENGAGED IN A FRANK,
EXTENDED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING SINO-U.S.
RELATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF TIANANMEN. ZHU
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SENATOR RUDMAN RESPONDED THAT WHILE WE MAY DISAGREE OVER WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE AND DURING JUNE, WE MUST NOW DEAL WITH THE REALITIES OF OUR POST-TIANANMEN RELATIONSHIP. AMONG THOSE REALITIES IS THE FACT THAT AMERICA IS AN OPEN SOCIETY AND A NATION THAT CHERISHES FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR COMMITMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES MAY LIMIT WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO DO WITH CHINA. WHAT HAPPENED AT TIANANMEN DEEPLY MOVED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND CONGRESSIONAL MEASURES REFLECT THE STRONG FEELING OF AMERICANS. IF THERE IS TO BE A HEALING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, AND IT IS INDEED IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS AND IN THE INTEREST OF WORLD STABILITY TO DO SO, CHINA MUST TAKE STEPS INTERNALLY WHILE AVOIDING SUCH UNHELPFUL MEASURES AS CANCELLING THE PEACE CORPS AND FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS. RUDMAN NOTED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING AS A FRIEND OF CHINA, AS ONE WHO WANTED TO PREPARE ZHU FOR WHAT HE WILL FACE WHEN HE TAKES UP HIS POST IN THE FALL AS PRC AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, AND AS A SENATOR WHO HAS FULLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT BUSH'S POLICIES ON CHINA. END SUMMARY.

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4. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHU QIZHEN HOSTED A TWO-HOUR LUNCHEON FOR CODEL RUDMAN ON AUGUST 12 AT DIAOYUTAI GUEST HOUSE. CHINESE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED MFA ASSISTANT MINISTER LIU HUAQIU, MFA AMERICAS' DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZHA PEIXIN, AND CPIFA DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICA WANG DEREN. IN ADDITION TO THE CODEL, AMBASSADOR LILLEY, CONTROL OFFICER LAROCCO AND TRANSLATOR CHANG ATTENDED.

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RUDMAN: WE MUST DEAL WITH THE POST-TIANANMEN
REALITIES OF OUR RELATIONSHIP

5. SENATOR RUDMAN OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY
COMMENTING THAT WHEN VFM ZHU REPORTS TO
WASHINGTON TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POST AS
AMBASSADOR, HE WILL FACE A VERY DIFFICULT
SITUATION. ZHU REPLIED

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6. RUDMAN REPLIED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS SEVERAL POINTS:

FIRST, IT WOULD INDEED BE TRAGIC IF THERE IS A DETERIORATION IN THE EXCELLENT TIES OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. THESE TIES ARE NOT ONLY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, BUT ALSO IMPORTANT TO REGIONAL AND GLOBAL STABILITY.

SECOND, HE HAS NO ARGUMENT WITH ZHU'S POINT THAT WHAT CHINA DOES INTERNALLY IS IT'S OWN BUSINESS. THAT IS NOT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT SOME AMERICANS MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH WHAT CHINA DOES INTERNALLY.

THIRD, CHINA'S LEADERS MUST ACCEPT THE REALITY THAT AMERICA IS AN OPEN SOCIETY. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAW THROUGH OUR MEDIA WHAT HAPPENED IN CHINA, AND THEY WERE DEEPLY MOVED. THE CONGRESS REFLECTS THE VIEWS AND FEELINGS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF TIANANMEN SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH THIS IN MIND. THAT IS REALITY, AND CHINA MUST RECOGNIZE IT AS SUCH AND DEAL WITH ACCORDINGLY.

FOURTH, CONCERNING MISREPORTING, THE SENATOR DOES NOT BELIEVE THE WESTERN PRESS WAS BIASED AGAINST CHINA. IN FACT, THERE IS
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GROUND TO ARGUE THE OTHER WAY. FOR MANY YEARS, THE AMERICAN MEDIA HAS HELD UP CHINA AS A MODEL SOCIALIST COUNTRY CARRYING OUT REFORM AND MODERNIZATION. THE WESTERN MEDIA CONVEYED STRONG IMAGES OF WHAT HAPPENED HERE IN JUNE, AND THEY DID THEIR BEST TO REPORT IT AS ACCURATELY AND COMPREHENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SEEN OTHER GOVERNMENTS RESPOND AS OURS DID, AND HAVE HEARD CORROBORATING STORIES FROM THE MANY CHINESE

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STUDENTS IN THE U.S. IN THE MOST POLITE TERMS, AMERICANS DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED IN BEIJING AS AN OVER-REACTION BY THE CHINESE MILITARY.

7. RUDMAN ADDED PARENTHETICALLY THAT HE CAME TO CHINA BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP FOR CHINESE LEADERS TO HEAR FROM A FRIEND THE REALITY THEY ARE FACING IN RESTORING TIES. IT IS NOT POPULAR FOR A CONGRESSMAN TO COME TO CHINA NOW, BUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING A HEALING PROCESS WARRANTED THIS TRIP. PRESIDENT BUSH, A FRIEND OF CHINA, WANTS THIS HEALING TO PROCEED; BUT CHINA MUST RECOGNIZE THAT HEALING CALLS FOR ACTION ON THEIR PART.

ZHU: THE BALL IS IN THE AMERICAN COURT

8. ZHU THANKED THE SENATOR FOR HIS CANDID REMARKS.  6-1

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9. RUDMAN REPLIED THAT CHINA MUST FOR ITS PART
RECOGNIZE HOW OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WORKS.
AMERICANS CHERISH FREE SPEECH AND CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS. THERE ARE THOSE WHO TESTIFY BEFORE
CONGRESS WHO MAY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE
PRESIDENT OR EVEN TO THE COMMITTEE. BUT FREE
SPEECH DICTATES THAT THESE PEOPLE APPEAR.

RUDMAN: CHINA MUST TAKE PRODUCTIVE STEPS

10. RUDMAN STRESSED THAT AMERICANS DO NOT
BELIEVE THE U.S. CREATED THE CURRENT STRAINS
IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. IT IS THEREFORE COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE FOR CHINA TO CRITICIZE THE U.S. AND
BLAME US FOR THE PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP.
CHINA MUST AVOID TAKING MEASURES LIKE CANCELLING
THE FULBRIGHT AND PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS, AND
SHOULD CEASE JAMMING VOA. TAKING STEPS LIKE
THESE IS NOT HELPFUL TO RESTORING TIES. IT
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IS UP TO CHINA TO CREATE A POSITIVE MOMENTUM
FOR REBUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIP.

ZHU:

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RUDMAN: U.S. COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS MAY LIMIT WHAT WE CAN DO WITH CHINA

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12. RUDMAN STRESSED THAT OUR TWO SIDES MUST NOT GET BOGGED DOWN IN DEBATING WHAT HAPPENED IN JUNE. WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON WHAT HAPPENS FROM NOW ON. IN THIS REGARD, CHINA MUST FACTOR IN THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. OUR COMMITMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES MAY LIMIT WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO DO WITH CHINA. IF CHINA BECOMES MORE REPRESSIVE, IT IS HARD TO CONCEIVE OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BEING RESTORED. CONGRESS WOULD NEVER CONDONE THIS

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13. ZHU REPLIED


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14. IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS BY

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SENATOR RUDMAN REGARDING THE CHINESE PROTESTERS,
ZHU REMARKED



15. RUDMAN ASKED ZHU WHICH CATEGORY LECH WALESIA
MIGHT FIT INTO. ZHU



16. THE SENATOR CLOSED HIS REMARKS BY STRESSING
THAT HIS VIEWS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THOSE
IN THE CONGRESS AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
WHO ARE TAKING POSITIONS AFTER CAREFUL THOUGHT
AND NOT JUST EMOTIONALLY. AS A FRIEND OF CHINA, A
SENATOR WHO FULLY SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S CHINA
POLICIES, AND ONE WHO HOPES TO CONTINUE TO WORK
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WITH ZHU WHEN HE COMES TO WASHINGTON. HE SPOKE
CANDIDLY AS ONE WHO WANTS TO SEE OUR RELATIONSHIP
RESTORED.
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